

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ed Tracy on 5/26/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A mobile communication system which supports information exchange and fostering of human relations between a plurality of users, comprising:

a mobile communication device comprising:

a wireless communication unit configured to transmit and receive
wireless communication data;

a metadata storage unit configured to store, in the mobile
communication device, metadata relating to activities and interests of a

user of the mobile communication device, said metadata including a log providing information on locations visited by the user; and

a central control unit configured to:

manage the storage of metadata in said metadata storage unit,

wherein said central control unit:

partition said metadata storage unit by security level and category,

store metadata received through said wireless communication unit in a corresponding partition of the metadata storage unit based on matching the received metadata with a security level and/or category, wherein the metadata received through a secure communication path is set to a higher security level, and other data is set to a lower security level, and

authenticate a stationary communication device according to a predetermined authenticating procedure;

supply, to a the stationary communication device, a first security level indicating a highest security level of metadata permitted to be transmitted from the mobile communication device to the stationary communication device, the first security level not to

exceed a security level permitted by the predetermined
authenticating procedure; and

said stationary communication device configured to:

acquire said first security level and a second security level
from another mobile communication device indicating a highest
security level of metadata permitted to be transmitted from the
another mobile communication device to the stationary
communication device;

compare said first and said second security levels; acquire
metadata, which corresponds to the higher of the first and second
security levels, from the mobile communication device and the
another mobile communication device;

compare the acquired metadata; and

display common results from the acquired metadata based on the
result of the comparison.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A method for information communication which
supports information exchange and fostering of human relations, comprising:

receiving metadata relating to activities and interests of a user of a mobile
communication device via a wireless communication of the mobile
communication device, said metadata including a log providing information on

locations

visited by the user;

partitioning a storage unit based on a security level and category to create a partitioned storage unit;

storing the received metadata in a the partitioned storage unit of the mobile communication device based on matching the received metadata with a security level and/or-category; wherein the metadata received through a secure communication path is set to a higher security level, and other data is set to a lower security level, and

authenticating a stationary communication device according to a predetermined authenticating procedure;

supplying, to a the stationary communication device, a first security level indicating a highest security level of metadata permitted to be transmitted from the mobile communication device to the stationary communication device, the first security level not to exceed a security level permitted by the predetermined authentication procedure;

acquiring, at the stationary communication device, said first security level and a second security level from another mobile communication device indicating a highest security level of metadata permitted to be transmitted from the another mobile communication device to the stationary communication device;

comparing, at the stationary communication device, said first and said second security levels;

acquiring, at the stationary communication device, metadata that corresponds to the higher of the first and second security levels, from the mobile communication device and the another mobile communication device;

comparing, at the stationary communication device, the acquired metadata; and

displaying, at the stationary communication device, common results from the acquired metadata based on the result of the comparison.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-readable medium~~ storage device including stored thereon a program which is written in a computer-readable format so that information communication for supporting information exchange and fostering of human relations is executed on a computer system, the program comprising:

receiving metadata relating to activities and interests of a user of a mobile communication device via a wireless communication of the mobile communication device, said metadata including a log providing information on locations visited by the user;

partitioning a storage unit based on a security level and category to create a partitioned storage unit;

storing the received metadata in a the partitioned storage unit of the mobile communication device based on matching the received metadata with a security level and/or category;

wherein the metadata received through a secure communication path is set to a higher security level, and other data is set to a lower security level, and authenticating a stationary communication device according to a predetermined authenticating procedure;

supplying, to ~~a~~the stationary communication device, a first security level indicating a highest security level of metadata permitted to be transmitted from the mobile communication device to the stationary communication device, the first security level not to exceed a security level permitted by the predetermined authentication procedure;

acquiring, at the stationary communication device, said first security level and a second security level from another mobile communication device indicating a highest security level of metadata permitted to be transmitted from the another mobile communication device to the stationary communication device;

comparing, at the stationary communication device, said first and said second security levels;

acquiring, at the stationary communication device, metadata that corresponds to the higher of the first and second security levels, from the mobile communication device and the another mobile communication device;

comparing, at the stationary communication device, the acquired metadata; and

displaying, at the stationary communication device, common results from the acquired metadata based on the result of the comparison.

No other claim is amended.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this section can be found in the prior office action.
3. Claims 2, 4, 8, 10, 13-18, 20, 21, 24, and 26 have been cancelled by the applicant.
4. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11-12, 19, 22-23, and 25, now re-numbered as claims 1-12 are pending.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's argument relative to prior art rejection in light of the amendments noted by this action, and the telephone interview conducted on 5/26/2010 have been found persuasive (please see the attached Interview Summary). During the interview, it was agreed to consider amendments noted above, and enter via Examiner Amendment, if the amendments puts the application in the condition of allowability.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Amended claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11-12, 19, 22-23, and 25, now re-numbered as claims 1-12 are allowed.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

All claims are directed to, at least, a wireless device that stores metadata relating to its user's interests, and logs information related to locations visited by its user. The collected information and data received by the wireless device are stored in a storage partitioned based on a security level and category. The data received from a secure channel is assigned a higher security level. The device also authenticates a stationary device and accordingly provides the metadata to the stationary device based on the security levels and categories. The stationary device collects data from different

devices, and compares the data and displays the common results. The compared metadata is obtained from different devices corresponding to the higher of the security levels of the different devices.

None of the prior art of record, either taken by itself or in any combination, would have anticipated or made obvious the invention of the present application at or before the time it was filed.

Conclusion

9. Any comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "comments on statement of reasons for allowance."

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Farid Homayounmehr whose telephone number is 571 272 3739. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hrs Mon-Fri, off Monday biweekly.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edan Orgad can be reached on (571) 272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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